

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 9048

October 27, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a compensable workers' compensation claim for any employee who receives medical treatment solely due to an employer mandate, as a condition of continued employment, who is injured as a result of such medical treatment or in any case in which an employer misstates the efficacy of such medical treatment in preventing the contracting of COVID-19, the employee receives such medical treatment based on such misstatement, and the employee is subsequently injured as result of such treatment. Establishes a private cause of action against any such employer.

Requires that any relative workers' compensation claims be expedited or given priority over all other workers' compensation cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, there have been very few workers' compensation cases filed relating to vaccine mandates or work-related COVID-19 disputes; therefore, this legislation is estimated to have little impact on the Bureau's workload.
- Any impact resulting from this legislation will be borne by private parties to civil actions. The impact on courts' caseloads is estimated to be not significant. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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